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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Auctions.
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
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Rooms.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Carols,
etc., at Mr V. L. Remedios' Sales
Rooms.
Miscellaneous.
2.50 p.m.—Spoon Competition of The
Hongkong Rifle Association.
Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performances of Harman's Cir-
cus at Causeway Bay near Polo Ground.

General Memoranda.
MONDAY, December 5:—
Goods per *Scotia* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.
TUESDAY, December 6:—
11 a.m.—Meeting of China Trades In-
surance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.
Goods per *Funkin* undelivered after this
date at noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.
FRIDAY, December 9:—
Goods per *Tylo* undelivered after
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SATURDAY, December 10:—
9 p.m.—Performance by the Hongkong
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BIRTH.
On November 27, at 147A, Babbington
Well Road, Shanghai, the wife of J. M.
Tinn, of a Son.
MARRIAGE.
On October 1, at St. Michael's-in-the-
Hamlet, Liverpool, by licence, by the Rev.
Harold A. H. Lea, of St. Michael's, WIL-
LIAM HENRY, only son of WILLIAM HENRY,
Esq., Superintendent Engineer of Messrs
Samuel & Co., and MARGARET, the
daughter of Messrs. J. & W. H. H. H. H. H.
Yokohama, to ROSE, second daughter of
Edward Jones, late C.G.I.R.N., Textile
Park, Liverpool.

DEATHS.
On Nov. 16, at 1, Kinsland Road,
Johannesburg, Koba, Extra Harbour Engineer,
Leipzig, a native of Leipzig, Ger-
many, aged 48 years.
On November 13, at Tokyo, KAZUAKI
THORNTON, head of S. Hilda's Mission,
aged 52.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.
All business communications for this
office should be addressed to THE MANA-
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rejected without consideration.
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1904.

THE CANTON RIVER
BARRIERS.

It would appear as if the Chinese Government is earnest in its desire to make easier the navigation of the Canton river. Three lights, as is generally known, have been placed in prominent positions, which materially assist ship-masters who have to navigate the river after dark, and, as the number of steamers which nightly ply between Hongkong and Canton is greater than ever before, and not likely to be less in the future, this attempt to render safe the passage of the river, though not all that might be hoped for, is to be commended, and is, we hope, but an indication of what may further be essayed. Beyond this, however, serious efforts are being made to remove the useless barriers which Chang Chih Tung, and others have, from time to time, placed in the river to prevent real or imaginary enemies from attacking Canton. At the time of the so-called Franco-Chinese war, much money was expended, and many obstacles were dumped down or fixed up in the river, which, as the well-informed knew, would interfere seriously with the ordinary riverine navigation. These obstacles have been allowed to remain till this day and have very much interfered with the free movements of the steamers, especially, when, during strong tides, ships have been compelled to wait till some lumbering junk has leisurely oared its way through the only narrow opening. In the 'Back Reach' already, we have been informed, most of the old wooden piles have been removed and the coolies are at work removing the rocks which Chang Chih Tung dumped into the river. In addition, work has been commenced on the steel barriers, which, except for a small opening, stretched quite across the river. The difficulty of removing these is reported to be considerable. They are said to be served into sockets and have been left to rust therein for about twenty years, and, therefore, do not yield easily to the force available. However, some of them have been removed and the coolies are still at work on them. It was hoped at one time that sufficient funds would be available to remove the entire set of barriers, lock, stock, and barrel, and though this will not be attempted at once it will probably be done as soon as the necessary money is accumulated. As is well known, the Chinese Government at present is somewhat hard driven for funds to meet their ordinary, not to speak of the extraordinary, claims on the exchequer, and therefore there is little hope that the entire work will be pushed through at present. On the other hand something substantial is being attempted, and what is done, will appear so advantageous, that it should stimulate those in authority to attempt the remainder. In addition to what is being accomplished to help navigation in the 'Back Reach' some improvement is to be made with the 'Inner Reach' too. It is well known that the passage through this barrier is difficult, owing to a sharp bend which must be rounded, and pilots must exercise great care here especially

at night when the tides are strong, and the native junks are plentiful. The Government is, however, about to widen this opening, so that this difficult bend will be removed. The idea is to make this pass so wide that steamers can steam straight on, and further will not be compelled to wait should some other craft be approaching. This will be a great improvement, and will be much appreciated by those who use this reach, through which, however, ocean steamers seldom pass. Although the Chinese Government is supposed to find the funds to carry out the work, it is placed under the supervision of the Foreign Customs, and therefore a guarantee is forthcoming that the work will not be stopped by will, as far as possible, be effectively done. It is to be hoped that the wide thing will be put through at once and finished with, for it must be evident by this time to the best informed and most intelligent of the native officials that such crude obstacles, while they offer serious resistance to the ordinary traffic on the river, can furnish no lasting opposition to modern warships, or the all-powerful dynamite, if any of the Powers deemed it necessary to force their way to Canton.

In Kobevidently they do things with an eye to the appropriate. An international walking match is to be held, and entrance fees, etc., are to be paid to Mr. Lightfoot.

The high price of meat still worries our Koba friends. They are thinking of boycotting the butchers, and turning vegetarians. Another method of taking the bull by the horns, surely!

Persons who live in this Colony and disbelieve in the reality of the smoke nuisance should have been on the harbor before nine o'clock this morning to appreciate how grievous the nuisance is. Steamers and launches, the naval extension works in particular, seemed to have combined in a seditious conspiracy to smother up the island. From half way across the harbour the buildings on the Praya could not be discerned, and the forebore was buried in a black bank of smoke. As the Praya was nearer the feeling was of sailing beneath a forbidding wall to commit suicide by asphyxiation. Surely something can be done to minimize this evil. Numerous books and pamphlets have been written on smoke prevention and consumption. Some can be purchased locally, and it would probably enlighten those responsible if they understood the study of them.

If what the *N.O. Daily News* says is true we cannot afford to be too proud or too bumptious over our defeat of Shanghai in the recent Interoport matches. Our northern contemporary publishes the following paragraph:—'At the supper at the Hongkong Club which followed the fate on the Cricket Ground there, the Hongkong Umpire, Mr. A. G. Ward, acknowledged with hearty apologies and regrets that two mistaken decisions on his part gave the match to Hongkong which would otherwise have been won by Shanghai. Twice he gave Hongkong batsmen "not out," when they were really "out," and this gave Hongkong 80 runs which these batsmen subsequently compiled.' As the press were not invited to the supper we cannot say if Mr. Ward did make the acknowledgments credited to him. If he did, it is a pity he did not speak out earlier so that the match could have been replayed. The Hongkong 'Victory' puts in mind of a report of a cricket match we once saw in an Australian paper: 'The Whites defeated the Blacks—with the valuable assistance of the Umpire.' There is not much credit in winning a match with 12 men—one being the Umpire—and if Mr. Ward really did give wrong decisions the Hongkong Club should take the first opportunity of acknowledging their regrets and crediting the win to Shanghai. It would have been far better had Mr. Ward said nothing about his mistake. There will not be much satisfaction on either side now.

GENERAL NEWS.

A Steamer Hears.
An Amsterdam telegram, dated October 27, says:—The preparations on the steamer *Edinburgh*, which will convey the coffin containing the remains of Mr. Kruger to South Africa, are being pushed forward. The hull is being painted black and the deck and gangway are being painted white, giving the vessel a sombre appearance, which is in keeping with its mission. The funnel retains its usual white and red mark. The chapel is entirely hung with black, and the coffin is being carried in the upper hold, extending over the whole beam of the vessel, with entrances on the port and starboard sides. It measures ninety square yards, and is ten feet high. At the back of the chapel, near the stern, a canopy has been erected, under which in the catwalk, which is placed lengthways of the ship. The whole chapel is decorated in Empire style, and is draped in black cloth with a silver border. The coffin, which weighs a hundredweight, is made of teak, and is a simple, unadorned structure. Below the canopy the walls are entirely hung with heavy draperies, thereby an impressive appearance is obtained. Between the draperies burn electric lamps veiled in black, the catwalk being open on three sides.

STEARNS' HEADACHE CURE, can be obtained from all dispensaries (quickly by post). Gives instant relief. Avoid imitations. Keep the Genuine handy.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

An Observatory is shortly to be erected at Sooi at a cost estimated at £100,000, says the *Danien* Lipo.

The *Chinese and Foreign Times* is the title of a newspaper which was to have been published on November 21 at Tientsin.

Mr. T. E. Bond, the captain of Deacon and Co., of Canton, leaves for England by the mail on Saturday on an extended holiday. He goes via India.

The *China Times* says that Mrs. Major Cleveland, I.M.S., formerly a Miss Doring of Tientsin, is accompanying her husband on the Indian Government Mission to Afghanistan.

The Empress Dowager was most determined that the strictest economy should be observed in the celebration of her birthday at Peking, and the cost has accordingly been reduced to twelve million taels.

The *P. and T. Times* says that the Board of Commerce (Shanghai) has requested the Waifu to notify the Imperial Maritime Customs that the registration of trade marks is not to be postponed, but is to go on as originally announced.

Her Majesty's refusal to receive presents was not interpreted too strictly; and H. M. received over £13,000,000 in money alone, the biggest offering from outside the capital being H. E. Yuan Shih-kai's contribution of £1,400,000.

In August last Kyengsang, Korea, was devastated by a typhoon, which was responsible for the following casualty list—419 persons drowned, 10,518 houses destroyed, 199 km of Government buildings demolished, 959 junks wrecked and a vast area of the cultivated fields destroyed.

Who governs Korea? According to the *Korea Daily News* the Governor of North Ham Kyong province was dismissed and ordered to return to Seoul. The Russian troops in that vicinity, however, had found the Governor useful and declined to let him go. The Governor still remains at Ham Kyong.

Korea is already beginning to feel the pressure of Japan's protection. Quite recently the Crown Princess of Korea died. To meet the expenses of the funeral a foreign loan was desired. The Japanese Minister at Seoul then stepped in. 'Before raising a loan you must consult me,' he said. He then continued that he thought one year was too much for a mourning period. There the matter rests at present.

The A. D. C.
The Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club will give a final performance of 'Dorothy' on the 10th December. 'Jane' and 'One Summer's Day' are to go into rehearsal at once, and both pieces will in all probability be produced in January. The Club will give a 'Dorothy' dance on the 29th inst.

Serious Assault.
Mr. F. S. Boyes, who was assaulted by S. H. Kuhn at Yokohama on October 12, underwent an operation on November 14, one of his eyes being taken out to save the other. The operation was successfully performed and Mr. Boyes is progressing favourably. Kuhn has been committed for trial on a charge of assault.

Korean English.
The native reporter to the *Korea Daily News* tells the following story:—'In one night that Mr. Chi Woon-yung, the former privy councillor, has got one curious box in his dream which was given by a fairy; when he awakened he found the same box at front of him. At once that Mr. Chi Woon-yung presented that box to Emperor and the Emperor himself opened the box, and when looked in, he found the 4 words 'big rain, heavy fall' and other 4 words 'U! Sa! Sed! month!' and some more other words which recorded the future fortune of Mr. Ha Sang-li, the Korean of Champo.

To Overturn the Manchus.
A Peking dispatch reports that the Grand Council received recently a long telegram from Lu Yun-ling, Governor of Hunan, to the effect that he has discovered a conspiracy amongst the students of the newly-established Provincial College of Hunan, at Changsha, whose object is to overthrow the Manchu dynasty, and that the students arrested have also confessed the names of certain Chinese students now studying in Japan, as fellow-conspirators. In reply to the Governor of Hunan's telegram, the Empress Dowager issued a Rescript commanding the summary execution of two of the chief conspirators and releasing the others who had been arrested.

The first lightbulbs and fires of wood and coal kindled at the top of them.

RELIEF AFTER SIX YEARS.—Mrs. M. A. Clark, of Timbary Range, N. S. W., Australia, writes: 'I wish to inform you of the wonderful benefit I have received from your valuable medicine. I suffered from a severe cough for six years and obtained no relief until I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. One bottle cured me and I am thankful to say that I have never had the cough since. Many use of this letter that you live for the good of any other poor sufferers.' For sale by All Dealers; Watson & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
[SUPPLIED BY REUTER, VIA HONGKONG.]
[Received on December 2, at 3.1 a.m.]

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

COALING OF THE BALTIC FLEET.

Strict Investigation by England.

No British Coal to Go to Either Belligerent.

London, December 1.

The *Standard* states that the British Government has instituted the most searching investigation in connection with Japan's enquiry regarding the supply of shipments of British coal to the Baltic Fleet.

Stringent measures are being taken to prevent a repetition of a breach of neutrality with regard to either belligerent.

(FROM NORTHERN PAPERS.)
GREAT FIRE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Tokio, November 24.

It is officially announced that the conflagration of the 22nd inst. at Port Arthur continued until 2 a.m. of the 23rd. It is probably the coal stores that were burnt.

SKIRMISHES ON THE SHAO.

Tokio, November 24.

At midnight on the 22nd inst., five or six hundred Russian troops attacked Hainan. Our pickets, after resisting as long as they could do so safely, returned to the main body. The village was totally burnt by the enemy's fire.

At dawn on the 23rd inst., the Russians effected a surprise attack on the railway bridge across the Shao, at Pootang, and in the western region, but they were everywhere repulsed.

Tokio, November 25.

It is officially stated that from one a.m. on the 23rd inst., the Russians made several attacks on the Japanese outposts north of Lamuton, but were driven off northward, entirely by the Japanese fire.

Simultaneously, the Russian artillery bombarded the Shao railway bridge with about thirty rounds, but did no damage.

The Siege of Port Arthur.

Tokio, November 25.

The whole of Tokyo is anxiously expecting good news from Port Arthur. It is understood that an extensive bombardment was opened this morning.

General Nicholson's Recovery.

Tokio, November 26.

General Nicholson, the British military attaché, leaves again for the front to-morrow.

The Coming Session of the Diet.

Tokio, November 26.

Marquis Saionji declared to the Council of his party yesterday that the Premier had sincerely asked his disinterested assistance, in view of the delicacy of the situation, and he had consented to give it, and he asked his Council to act accordingly in regard to the principal matters before the Diet during the forthcoming session.

At the general meetings today of the Seiyukai and the Progressives, the Seiyukai's declaration was particularly moderate. It says that it is willingly prepared to bear the cost of the war, the object of which must be realised by any possible means.

Tokio, November 27.

The speech of Marquis Saionji is highly praised in Government circles as well as by his party.

The opening ceremony of the Diet is fixed for Wednesday, the 29th inst.

Opening of the Seoul-Fusan Railway.

Tokio, November 27.

The Seoul-Fusan railway has been provisionally opened to through traffic. The trains from Seoul to Fusan are called *Yamato*, as Tokyo is regarded as the centre.

The fares are payable in Japanese currency, and the names of places are pronounced in the Japanese style.

News from the Shiao.

Tokio, November 27.

Fruitful Russian attacks have been continuing on the Shiao from the 24th to the 26th inst.

Scenes in Manchuria.

The following telegram from Mukden was received in Paris on October 26:—

The cold is already rendering the life of the troops very trying. As far as 30 verst south of Mukden the country is devastated and the fertile and formerly populous regions have been transformed into deserts. Uninterrupted lines of wounded and dying are extended along the roads, all of which present the same lamentable appearance. At each step there are rags and dressings soaked in blood. Moving parallel to the front of wounded are all the inhabitants of the country districts, who are fleeing from the battlefields and coming to seek refuge at Mukden. Women and children are carried in vehicles which convey at the same time the food belonging to them from their past prosperity. On the one hand are soldiers groaning in their death agony, while on the other are

little children perishing with cold. All the doors, windows, and other wooden fittings have been taken from the houses, a large number of which have been razed to the ground, all that remains of them being a heap of stones. Mukden is full of fugitives, and thousands of families who have been deprived of all their possessions are living in the streets.

Hostilities remain suspended. The conduct of the enemy is disconcerting. The general situation during the last few days has been precarious. The Japanese appeared to have decided to march on Mukden, when suddenly they stopped their advance without any apparent reason. As it is forbidden to mention the Russian forces, it is impossible to give an account of the recent operations.

CAN IT BE TRUE?

Allegation Against France.
(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 1.

The *Yung Shing Times* inserts an item of information in which is described the treatment meted out to the Chinese coolies in Yunnan by the French.

According to information received, the latter are building a railway down yonder, and of course, employ Chinese coolies. Recently about six hundred men broke their contract and bolted. More men were engaged and the authorities ordered that each coolie should have Tai Fat 大發 'Great Fortune' painted on the face, either with varnish or lacquer. It is stated that a thousand men have been thus marked and that they will be ultimately drafted off to assist the Russians in the north.

The editor, who appears to believe the story, though he does not adduce any evidence in support of it, says that branding was a custom in the ancient days of China's barbarism, but even then was meted out only to criminals. France as a civilized country, ought to know better than treat coolies in a way that China in ancient times was wont to treat criminals.

It is impossible to believe that this story can command the credence of reasonable folk, and yet it is certain that there will be thousands here in Canton who read the paper who will believe, and thus there will be further animosity cherished against France.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Music in the Gardens.

The Band of the Second Royal West Kent Regiment will render a number of selections in the Public Gardens on Monday next from 4 to 6 p.m.

Shopkeepers Fined.

At the Magistrate's this morning 26 Chinese shopkeepers from Bonham Strand and Jervois Street were fined \$3 each for leaving their signboards as low as to obstruct the footpath. His Worship cautioned the defendants that if they offended again they would not be dealt with so leniently.

Band at Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Col. Caulfield and officers, the Band of the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following selections at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow evening, the 3rd Dec:—

March..... When you and I were Young, Maggie..... Arcturion Overture..... Feet Present..... Supper Selection..... The Banquet Room Ballade..... The Chrysanthemum..... Valse..... The Chrysanthemum..... Solos..... H.M.S. Pinetree..... Godfrey Sarsfield..... The Chrysanthemum..... Harman's COO SAVE THEE KING.

At the Circus.

It is seldom, indeed, that a circus travelling the East contains so many star artists as does the one we have with us at present at Causeway Bay. Harman's circus has lost none of its former popularity, and notwithstanding the cold weather we are experiencing at night now, the tent is invariably well filled. The excellence and novelty of the programme kept the audience in good humour throughout the evening. The exhibitions of horse-riding given by Miss Ginet and Mr John Welby Cooke were of special merit, and deserved the applause accorded them both on retiring from the ring. Wyndham and Kitty, on their silver wire, performed some very clever feats, notably Wyndham's jumper over a large dining table suspended above the wire rope. The musical clown was repeatedly accorded for his clever manipulation of a large number of musical instruments. The Chinese acrobats were also very good, but, unfortunately, their show of weakness is apt to become infectious. To terminate a good programme, Capt. Lindo, the lion-tamer, entered the cage in which the lions were confined, and after putting the lions through some clever evolutions, he withdrew amidst applause. Before closing this short notice, however, we must congratulate those behind the canvas for the promptitude with which everything is carried out. Tonight the first amateur riding contest takes place, for which handsome trophies will be presented to the winner.

STEARNS' WINE is an ideal remedy for lung disease, Palatalis, indigestion, constipation, assimilation of food. It builds up and strengthens Stearns' Wine.

A LEVIN X.VI. oval gold snuff-box was sold at Christie's, London, for £125.

PNEUMATISM is cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application relieves the pain. For sale by All Dealers; Watson & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN COMMISSION.

London, November 30. Admiral Derry has declined to accept the North Sea Commission, because he considers it will be compelled to give decisions which will probably be distasteful to either party.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Bruce has written to the Hon. Sec. of the Immigration Restriction Commission, on the ground that they have placed themselves in the front rank of nations, granted religious freedom and become an honored ally of Great Britain.

THE KANGRI REBELLION.

Rear Admiral Derry, the first flag officer in the United States Navy, has been offered the appointment of the Inspector General.

THE KANGRI REBELLION.

Victory for the Victory. (From Our Correspondent.)

On December 1, Victory Shun recently led his troops in Kangri to attack and wipe out the rebellion in the districts of the Forty Eight Caves. He has subdued the district but allowed the chief Lok A Pat to escape. Still the Victory has won a decided victory. We hear, however, that H. E. is seriously injured, in fact that he is in a quill. It is also reported that the local admiral in charge of the Lok A Pat, a few days ago, led his men against Sen Tun, and Sha Xu, and having first surrounded them, killed many of them. He also captured many papers on which were the names of those who had been implicated for capture to be held for ransom. He also captured many guns and much ammunition and other things. The Victory has, therefore, by telegram, ordered that two thousand taels be divided among these troops as a bonus and a reward for their bravery, and also an encouragement for the future.

PANIC AT KONGMUN.

Threatened Attack by Bandits. (From Our Correspondent.)

It is reported here that a panic has arisen at Kongmun, that the place is to be attacked by bandits, whose plans are said to have been laid. All the important business houses are to be looted, just as they were recently at Kachow. In great fear, therefore, many of the inhabitants have moved into Canton for safety. The officials also have been disturbed at the rumours and have sent down a Wei Yun post-horse to inquire into the state of affairs locally. The editor of the Young Sing Times justly says that Kongmun is a very important place and gives a list of about twenty reports and inland towns from which, and for which, it is a distributing centre for all kinds of commodities. If there is trouble there, he fears that foreigners will be involved. Little protection is possible for the place, under normal conditions, for the forts are decayed and the garrison is depleted. A few business people have enlisted about fifty men and armed them. At this crisis, no place seems free from the attacks of freebooters. With regard to the employment of coolies it appears the French, in order to carry on the construction of their railway in Yunnan, have been compelled to engage coolies from other provinces. The Peking Foreign Office has, therefore, issued orders that no coolies are to be enlisted, due regard must be paid to the conditions of the trying climate there. Only those who are accustomed to the warm climate of the Two Kwang are to be allowed to enlist. Therefore the Viceroy of the Two Kwang and Yunnan are to consult with the local French officials. Money will be found for travelling expenses for all those who also go and work on the line. The Viceroy has sent advice to all the prefectures under his jurisdiction, and informed all the local officials of the conditions agreed to and directed them to see that no coolies are allowed to proceed to go to the trying climate, they are originally able to stand the work.

THE KANGRI REBELLION.

On a pound weight of each will support in the water a man weighing 240 lb.

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At the Kangri rebellion, the Chinese have been successful in driving the rebels out of the district.

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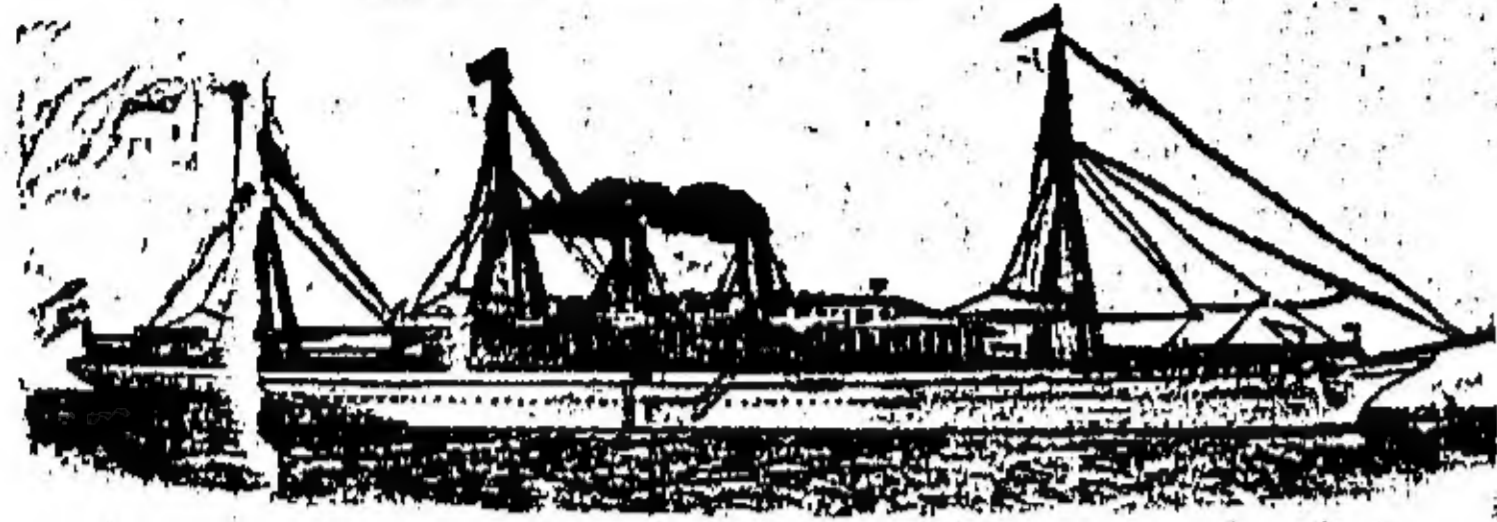
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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
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WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS
SHANGHAI.....	8th Dec.	Freight and Passengers
LONDON, &c.....	10th Dec.	See Special Advertisement
SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY.....	11th Dec.	Freight only

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 1, 1904.CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE,
VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.
SPEEDY SERVICE—PUNUALITY.Empress Twin Screw Steamships—8,000 Tons—10,000 Horse power—Speed 18 knots.
Sailing 3 to 7 Days across the Pacific.
Provided Sailings from Hongkong. (Subject to Alteration.)R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN..... 8,000 Tons..... Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1904.
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R.M.S. TARTAR..... 4,425 Tons..... Wednesday, Jan. 26.
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Intermediate on Steamers, " " £40, " " £42.
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Hongkong, November 16, 1904.PORTLAND AND ASIATIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.SAILING FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN,
MOI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA; FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
ARAGONIA.....	5,198	SCHULTZ	Dec. 13, 1904.
NICOMEDIA.....	4,870	WAGNER	Jan. 9, 1905.
NUMANTIA.....	4,870	BERNER	Jan. 25, 1905.
ARABIA.....	4,483	BAHL	Feb. 20, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian
and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information,
communicate with or apply toPORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Hongkong, November 25, 1904.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA
COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSU, Via SWATOW AND AMOI.	FRITHJOF, Capt. H. HARBALDEN.	SUNDAY, 4th Dec., at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOI.	TRIUMPH, Capt. A. HANSEN.	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7, at Daylight.
TAMSU, Via SWATOW AND AMOI.	M. STUVE, Capt. T. BRANDT.	SUNDAY, 11th Dec., at Daylight.
ANPING, Via SWATOW AND AMOI.	PROVIDENCE, Capt. C. CORNELIUSSEN.	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 14, at Daylight.

ON account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new Steamers
have been requisitioned for Transport Service, and the shore named chartered
Steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's Coastal Services.
As soon as the state of Affairs permit the Company will resume running with its special-
ly designed new Steamers.
For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s local Branch
Office, at No. 8, Des Vaux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.
BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
VIA
MOI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers	Tons	Captains	To Sail
FLEIADIS.....	3,753	F. G. Furlington	About Dec. 17.
TRENTON.....	3,606	T. W. Garlick	About Jan. 10.
LYRA.....	4,417	G. W. Williams	About Feb. 9.
FLEIADIS.....	3,753	F. G. Furlington	About Mar. 4.

Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, swiftest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.
S.S. TREMONT..... 3,606 tons Capt. T. W. Garlick About 20th December.
For MANILA & HONOLULU..... TEIAN About 10th December.ORIENTAL FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND
CULINARY ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARD.The Company's new Steamers and Tugboats have been fitted with very modern
accommodations for passengers. The new line of Steamers will be
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DODD & CO., LTD.,
HONGKONG, DECEMBER 2, 1904.

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL
EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST
AUSTRALIAN, JAPAN, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.....	MOTIVE.....	5th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.....	HECTOR.....	14th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.....	SOSALAN.....	17th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.....	HYSON.....	20th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.....	PALEUS.....	27th December.

HOMWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.....	TELEPHOS.....	6th December.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.....	DIOMED.....	20th December.
* GENOA, MILES, HAVRE & LIVERPOOL.....	NINGPO.....	22nd December, 1904.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.....	DEUTERON.....	3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.....	HYSON.....	17th January.
* GENOA, MILES, HAVRE & LIVERPOOL.....	HECTOR.....	30th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.....	PALEUS.....	31st January.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS via NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA		28th December.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI.....	TAIWAN.....	6th December.
MANILA.....	TAMING.....	6th December.
KOBÉ.....	CHINGTU.....	7th December.
NINGPO AND SHANGHAI.....	KWELIN.....	7th December.
KOBÉ.....	KANSU.....	7th December.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	CHANGSHA * 1	10th December.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered
by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table.
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Europe & Northern China Ports.
Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand and other
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Hongkong, December 2, 1904.

HONGKONG—MANILA.

Highest class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
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Stewardesses carried. All the most up-to-date arrange-
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STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captains	For	Sailing Dates
ZAFIRO.....	2,540	R. Roger.....	Manila	Dec. 10, at 10 a.m.
RUBI.....	2,540	R. W. Almond.....	"	"

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, November 30, 1904.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF
STEAMERS.HONGKONG DIRECT (or via CHEFOO or CHIN-WAN-TAO) to
DURBAN, NATAL.

STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	DEPARTURE
S.S. SPANLEY.....
S.S. COURTFIELD.....
S.S. CRANLEY.....
S.S. IRBAL.....
S.S. ABOT.....
S.S. LUTHERAN.....
S.S. INKUM.....
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S.S. SHALDA.....

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, November 30, 1904.FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	DEPARTURE
THE Steamship LIGHTNING.....
Captain J. G. SPENCER will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 6th Inst, at 3 p.m.		
For Freight or Passage, apply to D. SASSON & Co., Ltd., Agents.		
Hongkong, December 1, 1904.		

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STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW
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VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.The Company's new Steamers, fitted with the latest
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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 2, 1904.

Shipping.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA,
INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITER-
RANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
LONDON.Through Bills of Lading issued for HATTA
VIA PHILIPIN, GULF, CON-
TINENTAL, AMERICAN, AND
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.The Steamship "SINILA" Captain
J. A. HEWITT, arriving from the
Majesty, will be despatched for
this for HONGKONG on SATURDAY, the
3rd December, at 10 a.m. Calling: Panama,
Colon, and Cape of Good Hope. The
7,418 tons, 10,000 Horse power, 18 knots
speed, fitted with the latest improvements
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<i>Overland to Shanghai, December 1, 1904.</i>					
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Butcher Meat.					
Beef brisket & prime cut—Moi Lung Pa ..	b	17			
" Corned—Euan Ngau Yut lb.	17			
" Roast,—Shih " ...	... lb.	17			
" Breast,—Ngau Lam ..	... lb.	13			
" Soup,—Tong Yuk ..	... lb.	14			
" Stock,—Ngau Yut Pa ...	... lb.	17			
" " Canton Ngau Lee Sirloin ...	... lb.	28			
" Sausages,—Ngau Chayang ...	... lb.	23			
Bullock's Brains—, Slow ...	per poi	6			
" Tongue fresh,—Ngau Li ...	cish	45			
" " corned—Euan Ngau Li ..	lb.	55			
" Head,—Ngau Ten ...	... lb.	55			
" Heart,—Ngau Sam ...	... lb.	5			
" Hump Salt,—Ngau Kin ...	... lb.	14			
" Feet,—Ngau Keik ...	... lb.	8			
" Kidney,—Ngau Yio ...	... lb.	8			
" Tail,—Ngau Mei ...	... lb.	16			

10	Trips (understand) — Ngau To	8	牛仔
10	Owl's Head and Feet — Ngai-chai-tau-kak, set 7b		牛仔
10	Mutton Chop, — Young Pui Kest	1b, 24	牛柳
10	Leg, — Young Poi	24	牛柳
10	Shoulder, — Young Shau	30	牛柳
10	Fig's Chiffings — Chi chong	16	牛柳
10	Brains — Chi Know ... per set	2	牛柳
10	Feet, — Chi Kerk	13	牛柳
10	Fry, — Chi Chak	13	牛柳
10	Head, — Chi Tau	15	牛柳
10	Heart, — Chi Sum	each 8	牛柳
10	Kidneys, — Chi Yin	7	牛柳
		1b, 24	牛柳

Pork, Chop, —Chui Pat Kwat	...	...	20
" Corried, —Ham Chu Yek	...	...	—
" Leg, —Chu Pei	...	...	24
" Fat or Lard, —Cho Yau	...	...	17
Sheep's Head and Feet, —Young Tau	Berk set	56	
" Heart, —Young Sum	...	each	6
" Kidney, —Young Yiu	...	...	10
" Liver, —Young Con	...	lb.	60
" Test, —Young On, —Chu Chai	...	...	18

Suet, Beef,—Sang Ngau Yau	21
Mutton,—Sang Young Yau	20
Vent,—Ngau Chai Yuk	18
...	15

Poultry.

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Carpenter, Large, Small,--Sine	each	26
Ducks,--A,	each	20
Doves,--Pau Kau	each	14
	per dozen	20

Fowls, Canton.—Kai	...	...	...	20
.. Hainan.—Boi Nam Kai	...	...	...	26
Goats.—Ngoi	...	...	...	24
.. .. .	...	...	...	22.00

Musk Deer.—Wong Keng	each	\$5.50
Hard, Shanghai.—Tu Chai	"	65
Partridge.—Che Khoo	"	—
	rod	\$1.80

Pigeons, Canton.—Pak Kup	esch	27
" Hoihow.—Hoi How Pak Kuy.		22
Quail.—Um-Chun	onth	18

Snake—Su Choy	...	...	...	19	沙
Turkeys, Cock—Phor Kai Kung	65	大
" Hen	"	"	"	50	大

Teal.—Sun Ap Chai, 60
Wild Ducks, Canton—sang Shing Sat Ap. ... \$1.00

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Barbô, —Ka Yu	000	000	000	001	14
Broom, —Bin Yu	000	000	000	001	13

Garp.—Lo Yu	16
Outfish.—Chik Yu	20
Codfish.—Mun Yu	...	...	...	11

Chiu Chai—Mak Yu	100	200	300	11
Dah—Sa Mang Fu	100	200	300	10
Dica—Wong Mei Lun	100	200	300	10

Do, Congor. Hai Mann ...	...	...	14
Fresh water, —Tam Sin Ye ...	...	...	10
Yellow, —Wong Sin ...	...	...	46

Canoups. — Sat Pak	18
Gudron. — Pat Kap Yu	11
Herrings. — The Pak	14

Laurel, —	Wong Fa Eb	17
Lincoln, —	Wai Y	20
Lincoln, —	Yong Kw	24

Amherst — 1918	100	100	100	100
Mont. Stat. — 1918	100	100	100	100
Mont. Stat. — 1918	100	100	100	100
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PAY OFFER - CHANGING				6
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TOTAL - PAID IN				1

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Vessels Advertised as Loading

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